We claim:

1. An assembly comprising:

a plurality of bound books;

an end board adjacent the plurality of bound books; and

an electronic ID secured to the end board, the ID being readable to obtain information regarding the books.

2. The assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the electronic ID includes at least one of a microchip and RF technology.

3. An assembly comprising:

a plurality of signatures;

an end board adjacent the plurality of signatures; and

an electronic ID secured to the end board, the ID being readable to obtain information regarding the signatures.

4. The assembly as set forth in claim 3 wherein the electronic ID includes at least one of a microchip and RF technology.

5. An assembly comprising:

a plurality of constrained printed products; and

an electronic ID coupled to the plurality of constrained printed products and being readable while coupled to the printed products to obtain information regarding the printed products.

6. The assembly as set forth in claim 5 wherein the printed products are constrained using a fastener including at least one of an end board, a strap and a container.

7. The assembly as set forth in claim 5 wherein the ID is secured to the fastener.

8. The assembly as set forth in claim 5 wherein the printed products include at least one of signatures and books.

9. A method of processing printed products comprising:

creating an assembly of printed products;

programming an electronic ID with information relating to the printed products;

coupling the ID to the assembly;

transporting the assembly to a destination for processing; and

reading the ID.

10. The method of claim 9 and further including the step of handling the assembly in response to the information read from the ID.

11. The method of claim 9 wherein the printed products include at least one of signatures and bound books.

12. A method of processing printed products comprising:

creating an assembly of constrained printed products;

programming an electronic ID with information relating to the printed products;

coupling the ID to the assembly, the ID being readable while coupled to the assembly;

transporting the assembly to a destination for processing; and

reading the ID.

13. The method of claim 12 and further including the step of handling the assembly in response to the information read from the ID.

14. A method of processing printed product comprising:

reading an electronic ID that is coupled to an assembly of printed products; and

transporting the assembly to a destination for processing.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein the printed products include at least one of signatures and bound books.

16. A method of processing printed products comprising:
creating an assembly of printed products;
coupling an electronic ID to the assembly;
transporting the assembly to a destination for processing; and
reading the ID while it is coupled to the assembly to obtain information regarding the printed products.

17. The method of claim 16 and further including the step programming the electronic ID with the information relating to the printed products.

18. A method of processing printed products comprising:
coupling an electronic ID to an assembly of printed products;
transporting the assembly to a destination for processing; and
reading the ID while coupled to the assembly to obtain information about the printed products.

19. A method of processing printed products comprising:
creating an assembly of printed products;
programming an electronic ID with information relating to the printed products; and
coupling the ID to the assembly so as to be readable while so coupled.

20. A method of creating an assembly of printed products comprising:
associating a plurality of printed products with one another;
programming an electronic ID with information relating to the printed products; and
associating the ID with the printed products so as to be readable in situ.